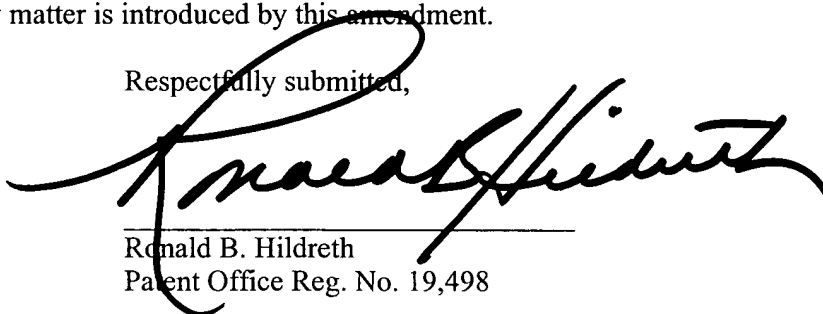


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This amendment eliminates multiple dependency in the claims and puts the claims in better U.S. format. No new matter is introduced by this amendment.

Respectfully submitted,

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6. (Amended) An interface device according to ~~any of claims 3 to 5~~ claim 3, wherein the first portion is longer than the second portion so that the central axis of the contact end is not coincident with the central axis of the body portion.
8. (Amended) An interface device according to claim 6 ~~or claim 7~~, wherein the first portion is coupled to the contact end and the second portion is coupled to the body portion.
9. (Amended) An interface device according to claim 2 ~~any one of claims 2 to 8~~, wherein the contact end and the spring portion are tapered towards the end of the contact end.
10. (Amended) An interface device according to claim 1 ~~any of the preceding claims~~, and further comprising a printed circuit board to which the end of the contact member opposite to the contact end is coupled, and the printed circuit board being adapted to permit testing equipment to be coupled to the printed circuit board.
11. (Amended) An interface device according to claim 1 ~~any of the preceding claims~~, where the movable member is coupled to the body member by an elastically flexible member.
14. (Amended) An interface device according to claim 11 ~~any of the claims 11 to 13~~, wherein the body member, the elastically flexible member and the movable member are fabricated from a metal material.
15. (Amended) An interface device according to claim 11 ~~any of the claims 11 to 14~~, wherein the elastically flexible member is in the form of an elastic beam which is generally U-shaped.

16. (Amended) An interface device according to claim 11 ~~any of the claims 11 to 15~~, wherein the movable member is coupled to the body member by a number of elastically flexible members.
17. (Amended) An interface device according to claim 1 ~~any of the preceding claims~~, wherein the body member encircles the movable member.
18. (Amended) An interface device according to claim 1 ~~any of the preceding claims~~, wherein the movable member defines an aperture into which the contact members protrude.
19. (Amended) An interface device according to claim 1 ~~any of the preceding claims~~, and further comprising an excitation device to move the movable member with respect to the body member.